

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Ryoji FUNAHASHI**

Art Unit: **1795**

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For: **COMPOSITE OXIDE HAVING N-TYPE THERMOELECTRIC CONVERSION  
PROPERTY**

Attorney Docket Number: **062440**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2009.

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